

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
OCTOBER 22, 2014**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, October 22, 2014, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm called the roll.

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
Gregory Schnarr	Present
David Prechtel	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Absent
Earl Schmitt	Absent
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. Five of the seven council members were in attendance which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public hearing cancelled. Mayor Seitz said a public hearing concerning the petition of Duane and Jane Flannagan to vacate a 20 ft emergency spillway easement located on Lot 1 of Hillside Acres II had been advertised but since this is a private easement instead of a public easement, no action was needed from the City.

Approval of the Minutes.

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:

1. September 17, 2014 regular common council meeting

A **motion** was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

JCAC. Jasper Community Arts Commission member Kyle Rupert attended the meeting on behalf of the Board.

Utility Service Board. General Manager of Utilities Gerald ‘Bud’ Hauersperger gave a report on the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on October 20, 2014. A copy of the Utility Service Board minutes is supplied to each council member.

After Hauersperger’s report, Council member David Prechtel commented when looking at the long term he questioned if the City could connect to Patoka Lake water for primary or secondary water sources. Hauersperger said that issue is being discussed.

2015 Independence Day Holiday. Because the 2015 Independence Day holiday falls on Saturday, July 4, 2015, the council needs to determine what week day the holiday will be observed by City employees.

A motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Raymond Howard for the City to observe the July 4, 2015 Independence Day holiday on Friday, July 3, 2015. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-24 AN ORDINANCE AFFIXING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR THE UTILITY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2015

This ordinance sets wage rates for utility employees for the year 2015.

Earlier this year the utilities had a compensation rate study performed on certain positions. As a result of that study, pay ranges for some positions were increased in this ordinance. The proposed pay ranges were not discussed during the July 2014 budget/salary special council meeting. Information was provided to council members at a later date. Mayor Seitz felt stronger review of that study needs to be done when the 2016 budget is discussed next summer.

A motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 5-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 5-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2014-24. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-25 AN ORDINANCE AFFIXING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR THE ELECED OFFICIALS AND THE CIVIL CITY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2015

This ordinance sets wage rates for 2015. It includes a 2% increase for full time employees, fifteen cents per hour increase for part time employees, and a \$250 per quarter increase for the council members.

A motion was made by Council member Raymond Howard and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 5-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 5-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2014-25. Motion carried 5-0.

Local incentive for former JOFCO building development.

At the September 17, 2014 meeting, the council gave approval for the City to work with Pete Schwiegeraht to develop a letter about what the City will offer for incentives towards the proposed development project of the former JOFCO building so the letter can be included with Miller-Valentine's application for tax credits.

Mayor Seitz said a letter was drafted whereby the City will commit \$50,000 in funding for off-site infrastructure. He feels this can be funded through department budgets. The letter also states the City will contribute \$450,000 in economic incentives to assist with on-site improvements that relate to the development. If the award is made to Miller-Valentine, funds could be provided through several sources such as tax increment financing, abatement, or EDIT.

Council member Kevin Manley asked for more specific incentive information so the Board could make a decision. City Attorney Renee Kabrick said at this time the City just needs to make a commitment that we will come up with funding. We can then choose what kind of funding as long as it works for getting credits. This is all contingent upon Miller-Valentine receiving tax credits.

Council member Gregory Schnarr said so does that mean we do not have to have an exact plan tonight. Kabrick said that is correct.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to authorize that we will provide a letter of commitment to give to Miller-Valentine for local incentives of \$50,000 for offsite and \$450,000 for onsite improvements with means to be determined at a later date. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with X without corrections or clarification this 19th day of November, 2014.

Mayor Terry Seitz
Presiding Officer

Attest: _____
Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer